

# Takpa language

The **Takpa** or **Dakpa language** (Tibetan: དཀ་པ་ཁ་, Wylie: *dak pa kha*), *Dakpakha*, known in India as **Tawang Monpa**,<sup>[5]</sup> is an East Bodish language spoken in the Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh, claimed by Tibet as a part of Lho-kha Sa-khul, and in northern Trashigang District in eastern Bhutan, mainly in Challeng, Phongmed Gewog, Yobinang, Dangpholeng and Lengkhar near Radi Gewog.<sup>[6][7]</sup> Van Driem (2001) describes Takpa as the most divergent of Bhutan's East Bodish languages,<sup>[8]</sup> though it shares many similarities with Bumthang. SIL reports that Takpa may be a dialect of the Brokpa language and that it been influenced by the Dzala language whereas Brokpa has not.<sup>[7]</sup>

Takpa is mutually unintelligible with Monpa of Zemithang and Monpa of Mago-Thingbu.<sup>[9]</sup> Monpa of Zemithang is another East Bodish language, and is documented in Abraham, et al. (2018).<sup>[10]</sup>

Wangchu (2002) reports that Tawang Monpa is spoken in Lhou, Seru, Lemberdung, and Changprong villages, Tawang District, Arunachal Pradesh.

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Takpa	
Tawang Monpa	
<span>དཀ་པ་ཁ་</span> , <i>dakpakha</i>	
Region	India; Bhutan; Lhoka, Tibet
Ethnicity	Takpa
Native speakers	9,100 in India (2006) <sup>[1]</sup> 2,000 in Bhutan (2011); <sup>[2]</sup> 1,300 in China (2000 census) <sup>[3]</sup>
Language family	<div>Sino-Tibetan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Tibeto-Kanauri ?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bodish<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>East Bodish<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Takpa</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Writing system	Tibetan alphabet
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: dka – Dakpa twm – Tawang Monpa
Glottolog	dakp1242 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/dakp1242">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/dakp1242</a> ) <sup>[4]</sup>

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